(b) if so, what are the major features thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

विधवाओं को रोजगार

397. श्री सुनील कुमार पहुनायक: क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रोजगार कार्यालय द्वारा किसी ऐसी विधवा स्त्री को कोई रोजगार प्रदान कराने के संबंध में प्राथमिकता नहीं दी जाती जिसके पति की मृत्यु दुर्घटना में हो गई हो ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और क्या सरकार के समक्ष विशेष रूप से ऐसी विधवाओं को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर रोजगार प्रदान करने का कोई नया प्रस्ताव है जिनके परिवार के सभी सदस्य बेरोजगार है ताकि उनके परिवार को जीविका प्रदान की जा सके ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और इन नियमों को कब तक लागू कर दिये जाने की आशा है ?

श्रम और कल्याण मंत्री (श्री रामविलास पासवान) : (क) से (ग) केन्द्र सरकार ने रोजगार कार्यालयों के माध्यम से विधवाओं के लिए रोजगार प्रदान करने के लिए कोई प्राथमिकता प्रदान नहीं की है, और न ही इस संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ।

तथापि, विधवाओं के लिए केन्द्र सरकार के अधीन ग्रुप "सी" तथा "डी" पदों पर रोजगार देने के लिए उच्चतम आयुसीमा बढ़ाकर 35 वर्ष (अ०जा०/अ०ज०जा के लोगों के लिए 40 वर्ष) कर दी गई है । सरकारी नौकरी में नियुक्ति योग्यता के आधार पर खुली प्रतियोगिता द्वारा की जाती है । अतिरिक्त श्रेणियों को रोजगार में प्राथमिकता देने की प्रक्रिया में इस नियम में छूट देना लोक हित में सम्भव नहीं होगा ।

Setting up of farm machinery training and testing institute in Orissa

398. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for establishment of a farm machinery training and testing institute in Orissa;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) the steps so far taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Shifting of Headquarters of Paradeep Phosphates Limited

399. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3266 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1989 and state:

(a) whether there is any fresh proposal under Government's consideration for shifting of the Headquarters of the Public Sector Paradeep Phosphates Limited from New Delhi to Bhubaneswar ;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) (a) to (c) It has been decided to shift the headquarters of M/s. Paradeep Phosphates Ltd., from New Delhi to Bhubaneswar by April/May 1990.

Refusal to accept milk powder and butter oil aid from EEC

400. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have refused to accept milk powder and butter oil as food aid from European Economic Community under operation flood programme this year ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any alternative proposal of aid and assistance had been given to European Economic Community in exchange of the offer of milk powder and butter oil ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) to (d) There has been a substantial increase in milk production and collection of milk by the cooperative dairies throughout the country underwent a significant increase during the current flush season compared with the previous years. In view of the substantial carry-over stocks of indigenous milk powder with the cooperatives and considering the quantum that would be manufactured during the flush season of 1989-90, the European Economic Community has been requested to provide equivalent cash assistance in lieu of commodity assistance under Food Aid Programme for 1990.

Conversion of cities into satellite cities

401. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to convert some of the cities into satellite cities and if so, the steps taken in that direction ;

(b) what are the cities converted so far into or in the process of conversion into satellite cities; and

(c) the details of specific steps taken in that direction ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Presently there is no policy of converting cities into satellite cities'.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Irregularities in employment of SC/ST candidates in Khurdha Road Railway Division

402. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale irregularities in the matter of employment to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates in Khurdha Road Railway Division in Orissa ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to remove such irregularities and to give justice to them?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) A represen-